

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1,2, and 12 are being amended to correct minor typographical errors. In particular:

- Claim 1 is being amended to change "of" to "from" at about line 77 of the claim;
- Claim 2 is being amended to correct the spelling of the term "heterocyclic" at about line 5 of the claim; and
- Claim 12 is being amended to correct the spelling of the term "alkyl" at about lines 19-21 of the claim and to add subscript font at about line 84.

The above line numbers are provided to allow the Examiner to quickly identify the amendments to claims; however, the precise line numbers may have changed with page formatting.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Terminal Disclaimer

Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the outstanding obviousness rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 10, 12, 13, and 15-22, over claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,492,421, which was affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. As stated at pages 8-9 of the Decision on Appeal, the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer will overcome the rejection.

Note that the Terminal Disclaimer is being filed exclusively to expedite allowance of the pending claims. This action should in no way be construed as an admission by the Applicants that the Board's Decision is appropriate. Nor should the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer operate to preclude Applicants from further Appeals relating to the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, , the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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